

# PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK

Park Office Hours: Daily 8:00am – 4:00pm  
Battle Ground, Indiana  
(765) 567-4919

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Seasonal Interpretive Naturalist: Haley Samuelson-Couchman

NOTE: All programs, hikes, and activities are free of charge and open to the public after payment of the park entrance fee, unless otherwise noted. Children 13 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

PARK PATCH: Ages 5 and up can visit the Park Office to find out how to earn a patch while enjoying the park over a few days!

## September 2006 Schedule of Events

### Friday, September 1

**7:00pm – ROVING NATURALIST** The naturalist is somewhere in the campground. Find her and hear what she has to say!

**9:00pm – NIGHT HIKE** Explore the fascinating creatures of the night on this 1-hour hike with the naturalist! Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area at the Coneflower Shelter. Please do not bring flashlights.

### Saturday, September 2

**9:00am – BIRD WATCHING 101** Are you just learning your birding basics? Visit the Park Office for some tips on birding and try it out in the park! Bring binoculars and field guides if available.

**11:00am – GRAND OPENING OF TRAIL #2** Join the naturalist on the first public tour of Prophetstown’s newest addition! Meet the naturalist at the parking lot located at the end of the bike trail and enjoy a beautiful, moderate hike through the new wooded trail.

**1:00pm – BUBBLE ART** Visit the Campground Playground and make this fun craft using bubbles!

**3:00pm – PRAIRIE BINGO** Visit us at the Prairie View Picnic Area Playground to play a fun game of bingo and win prizes!

**5:00pm – EDIBLE CAMPFIRE (\$1 / person)** Mmmmm! Visit the Park Office to learn how to build a fire using tasty treats and eat your campfire when you’re done!

**8:30pm – CAMPFIRE TONIGHT!** Join the naturalist at campsite 251 for fun, stories, games, and more! Bring a blanket or a chair and a story to share at this old-fashioned gathering.

### Sunday, September 3

**10:00am – FEN AND PRAIRIE WALK** Join the naturalist for this morning walk into the prairie and fen and explore the amazing wildlife that is found there! Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area Comfort Station.

**1:00pm – DO-IT-YOURSELF PLANETARIUM** Visit the Park Office to make your own planetarium and find out more about the beautiful stars in the Prophetstown night sky with our own indoor planetarium.

**3:00pm – NATURE JOURNALS (\$1 / person)** Drop by the Campground Playground to make a unique journal to take home.

### Monday, September 4 – LABOR DAY!

**10:00am – PRAIRIE PASTIME** Join the naturalist at the Prairie View Picnic Area Comfort Station for a 1-hour walk through the prairie and listen to stories and folklore about Prophetstown State Park.

**1:00pm – SUN CATCHERS** Visit the Campground Playground to make a fun sun catcher craft!

**3:00pm – SPIDER SPINNERS** Weave your own web at this fun activity in the Campground Playground, and show off your spider skills!

### Friday, September 8

**7:30pm – ROVING NATURALIST** The naturalist is somewhere in the campground. Find her and hear what she has to say!

**9:00pm – NIGHT HIKE** Explore the fascinating creatures of the night on this 1-hour hike with the naturalist! Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area at the Coneflower Shelter. Please do not bring flashlights.

## **Saturday, September 9– HEALTHY PARKS, HEALTHY PEOPLE**

**10:00am – INSHAPE INDIANA DNR DAY WALKS** Celebrate fitness at Prophetstown State Park with one of our two walks! Registration is required. Walkers will receive a free t-shirt on a first come, first serve basis. Visit [www.INshape.IN.gov](http://www.INshape.IN.gov) or drop by the Park Office for more information!

**WALK #1** The 2-mile walk will begin at the Prairie View Picnic Area Blazingstar Picnic Shelter and will follow the new paved bike trail.

**WALK #2** This 2.75-mile rigorous walk will follow Trail 1, with introductions to the wildlife that is found in the prairie and fen at Prophetstown. This hike will start at the Blazingstar Picnic Shelter.

**1:00pm –BIKE HIKE** Get your bikes rolling on the newest edition of the bike trail and pick up some tidbits about the development of Prophetstown State Park. Find the naturalist at the Bike Trail parking lot near the main gate. **\*HP-HP**

**3:00pm – PARK OLYMPICS** Come to the lawn near the Campground Comfort Station for Park Golf, Corn hole, and other fun campground games to compete for prizes! **\*HP-HP**

**5:00pm – PICK UP FOR PROPHETSTOWN** Explore the beauty of Prophetstown on a walk along Trail # 1 and help clean up the park one step at a time. Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area Comfort Station. **\*HP-HP**

### **Sunday, September 10**

**10:00am – MORNING MEADOW MEANDER** Take a stroll with us on a cool summer morning in the prairie. Meet the naturalist at the Meadow View Picnic Area Trailhead.

**1:00pm – INVASION!** Aliens are invading Indiana! Visit the Park Office to find out more about the invasive plants and animals that are spreading across Indiana, and what you can do to help.

**3:00pm – NATURALIST ON THE RUN** The naturalist is loose on Trail 1! Find her on the trail to see what she has to show you today.

### **Friday, September 15**

**7:00pm – ROVING NATURALIST** The naturalist is somewhere in the campground. Find her and hear what she has to say!

**9:00pm – NIGHT HIKE** Explore the fascinating creatures of the night on this 1-hour hike with the naturalist! Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area at the Coneflower Shelter. Please do not bring flashlights.

### **Sunday, September 17**

**11:00am – FEN-TASTIC WETLANDS!** Find the naturalist at the Prairie View Picnic Area Comfort Station for a stroll through the unique wetland found at Prophetstown!

**2:00pm – TRICKY TRACKS** Visit the Campground Playground to make an animal track to take home!

**3:00pm – GEOLOGY ROCKS!** Find out more about the amazing rocks and their importance to the land where Prophetstown makes it's home. Meet at the Meadow View Picnic Area Playground.

### **Friday, September 22**

**7:00pm – ROVING NATURALIST** The naturalist is somewhere in the campground. Find her and hear what she has to say!

**9:00pm – NIGHT HIKE** Explore the fascinating creatures of the night on this 1-hour hike with the naturalist! Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area at the Coneflower Shelter. Please do not bring flashlights.

### **Saturday, September 23**

**6:00pm – BEETLE MANIA** Find out more about these six-legged friends at Prophetstown at the Campground Playground, and make a fun beetle craft to take home!

**8:30pm – CAMPFIRE FUN** Join in the fun at campsite 251. A great way to meet new campers, share stories, and join in games. Bring a blanket and your creativity to the fire tonight!

### **Sunday, September 24**

**11:00am – SCAVENGER HUNT HIKE** Fun for all ages! Meet at the Prairie View trailhead for a hike, and gather some good answers for some tough questions! Approximate time: 1 hour.

**1:00pm – FAUX FOSSILS** Visit the Prairie View Picnic Area Playground to find out more about fossils, and try your hand at making your own fossil!

**3:00pm – MIGRATION SENSATION** Find the naturalist at the Prairie View Picnic Area Comfort Station and find out about why our local animals are heading south for the winter.

### **Friday, September 29**

**7:00pm – ROVING NATURALIST** The naturalist is somewhere in the campground. Find her and hear what she has to say!

**9:00pm – NIGHT HIKE** Explore the fascinating creatures of the night on this 1-hour hike with the naturalist! Meet at the Prairie View Picnic Area at the Coneflower Shelter. Please do not bring flashlights.

### **Saturday, September 30**

**10:00am – AUTUMN PRAIRIE WALK** Enjoy the beauty of the prairie in fall on a 1-hour stroll through the changing colors of the tall grasses. Meet the naturalist at the Prairie View Picnic Area Comfort Station.

**1:00pm – PRAIRIE MOBILE** Visit the Campground Playground to make a neat prairie mobile.